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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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The City of Norman invites you to attend a 2nd Public Meeting to be held on **August 19, 2010**, in the gymnasium of Truman Elementary School located at 600 Parkside Road beginning at 6:30 p.m. regarding the 2010 Water and Sanitation Rate Increase Election. Soon the citizens of Norman will be asked to vote on increases in both the water and sanitation rates. While the Sanitation Division and the Water division continually search for ways to be more efficient and economical, the cost of providing quality water and sanitation services continues to rise. The election will be held on August 24, 2010 and will establish a three year plan to increase the rates of these services.

Primary factors driving the water and sanitation rate increases are the cost of fuel, equipment, wages and health insurance. In addition, the water rates support maintaining over 530 miles of water lines and over 5,000 fire hydrants and serving almost 35,000 water customers. Capital projects are also needed to ensure the sustainability of water supply and distribution systems improvements for the long term benefit of the community. The sanitation rates support processing over 320 tons of trash each day, servicing over 37,000 customers covering a 200 square mile area.

“Norman voters are being asked to make an important vote to insure the continued high quality services f

All citizens of Norman are invited to attend this second informational meeting regarding future sanitation and water needs. For additional information, please call 366-5406.

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